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SUBJECT: BIOLOGICAL WARFARE CONVENTION; NPT TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS

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1. TIMERBAYEV INFORMED ME MARCH 6 THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ACCEPTED THE "BRITISH PROPOSAL," AS HE TERMED IT, ON THE DEPOSITION CEREMONY FOR THE BIOLOGICAL WARFARE CONVENTION. UNDER TERMS OF THIS PROPOSAL, THE SCENARIO AS SOVIETS SEE IT WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE DEPOSITORY STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE HOST STATE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE AMBASSADORS OF THE OTHER TWO STATES. AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES OF OTHER STATES WHICH HAVE SIGNED AND/OR RATIFIED WOULD ALSO BE INVITED.

(B) AFTER THE INITIAL CEREMONY INVOLVING ONLY THE DEPOSITORY STATES, A SHORT PAUSE (CHAMPAGNE, PERHAPS) WOULD ENSUE. THE AMBASSADORS OF OTHER RATIFYING STATES, IF THEY SO DESIRE, WOULD THEN STEP FORWARD TO DEPOSIT THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION.

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2. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT THE BRITISH HAD SUGGESTED A TIME FRAME OF

MARCH 12 TO MARCH 21. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT THIS MET WITH SOVIET APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE, THOUGH HE ADDED THAT HE HIMSELF HAD NO IDEA WHEN DURING THIS TIME GROMYKO'S SCHEDULE WOULD BEST PERMIT PARTICIPATION IN THE CEREMONY.

3. ON TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS FOR THE NPT, MALLABY (HEAD OF CHANCERY, UK EMBASSY) TELLS US THAT TIMERBAYEV INDICATED TENTATIVELY THAT THE UK PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON MARCH 17-21 MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS. TIMERBAYEV MENTIONED A TEAM OF 3-4 PEOPLE, EXCLUDING EXPERTS. HE ASKED MALLABY TO CHECK ON THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING EXPERTS ON THE TEAM.  
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